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U.S. Patents:

U.S. Patent No. 2,324,520, issued 07/20/1943 to Lamson;

U.S. Patent No. 3,802,418, issued 04/09/1974 to Clayton; and

U.S. Patent No. 3,828,782, issued 08/13/1974 to Polin.

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